

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2007. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 6 and 11 stand for consideration in this application. Claim 1 is being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6 and 11 are being amended to correct formal errors and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. All amendments to the application are fully supported therein. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Formality Rejection

Claims 6 and 11 were objected to for informalities. As indicated, the claims are being amended as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the outstanding informality rejections is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 6 will be allowed after being rewritten into independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Since Claim 6 is being rewritten into independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and claim 11 is being amended to depend from claim 6, claims 6 and 11 are in condition for allowance.

Prior Art Rejection

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by newly cited Miyashita et al. (US 2002/0067677). Since Claim 1 is being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, the rejection becomes moot.

Conclusion

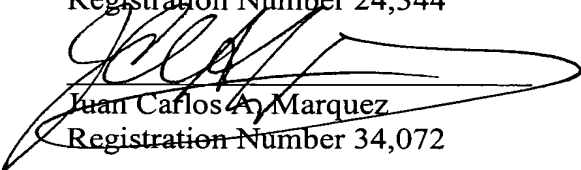
In view of all the above, Applicant respectfully submits that certain clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art

references upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely. These differences are more than sufficient that the present invention as now claimed would not have been anticipated nor rendered obvious given the prior art. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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